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MEMORANDUM

Community Development

DATE: November 15th, 2021

TO: **Zachary Walker, City Manager**
Adam Norris, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Tom Scannell, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: **Apartment Moratorium Quarterly Update**



Resolution 21-217 authorized a temporary moratorium on all new apartment development approvals for one year within the City of Independence. The resolution set forth several objectives, including budgeting for a Housing Study in 2021-22 and a periodic review by the City Council to consider continuation of the moratorium.

The selection of the Housing Study consultant, Development Strategies, was approved by City Council on July 6th. The consultant team was in town on August 18th and 19th to conduct a community tour, additional field work and begin the community partner conversations in a one-on-one or two-on-one format. After the on-site visit, the consultant conducted the housing conversation with stakeholders virtually. In mid-October, the consultant finalized the Housing Survey to gather information on community housing needs and challenges. This survey is currently active and can be found at <https://www.ci.independence.mo.us/ComDev/HousingSurvey>. The project is still on schedule with it being completed by end of January.

Since approval of the moratorium, the City has not received any new applications for multi-family developments. The Case multi-family project in the Falls at Crackerneck was approved by City Council; the final development plan has been submitted and is currently being reviewed. The building permit plans **have not** been submitted.